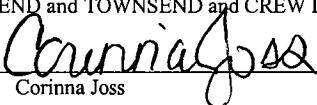


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In response to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment mailed August 13, 2007, submitted herewith is a substitute Amendment which makes the amendment filed on June 8, 2007 compliant with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In particular, the drawings have been labeled as required.

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and 1.98 accompanies this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

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**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 6 of this paper.